

8/5/76

DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM

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CONTROL 5124
5 Aug 76
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INDICATE
☐ COLLECT
☐ CHARGE TO

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	FROM Amembassy BUENOS AIRES	CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED	
E.O. 11652:	N/A		
TAGS:	CASC, AR (WEEKS, JAMES MARTIN)		
SUBJECT:	W/W: ARREST: U.S. PRIEST, James Martin Weeks		
ACTION:	SECSTATE WASHDC - IMMEDIATE 6631 UNCLASSIFIED BUENOS AIRES: 5124 FOR: SCA - ARA/APU		
DIST:	1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 HOURS LAST NIGHT AUGUST 4,		
CHARGE	EMBASSY RECEIVED REPORT FROM CHURCH SOURCE THAT		
SY	FATHER JAMES MARTIN WEEKS, A U.S. PRIEST, ALONG WITH		
ADMIN	5 SEMINARY STUDENTS (4 Argentines and 1 Chilean) HAD		
CONS	BEEN ARRESTED THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 3rd. AT A STUDENT'S		
CHRON	RESIDENCE QUARTERS IN CORDOBA. FATHER WEEKS HEAD-		
RF	QUARTERS IS THE LA SALEETE TOVITIATE IN HARTFORD,		
USIS	CONN. HE IS HEAD THEOLOGIST AT LA SALETTER RELIGIOUS		
80L	SEMINARY IN CORDOBA.		
	2. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, 8 MEN WELL DRESSED IN PLAIN CLOTHES		
	CARRYING MACHINE GUNS AND CLAIMING TO BE POLICE RAIDED		
	THE SMALL RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS NEAR THE CLARITIAN		
	SEMINARY AND "ARRESTED" FATHER WEEKS AND 5 T. OGY		

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CLEARANCES:

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

☒ Release () Excise () Deny

Exemption(s):

Declassify: () In Part () In Full

() Classify as () Extend as () Downgrade to

Date Declassify on Reason

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OPTIONAL FORM 153
(Formerly FS-413)
January 1975
Dept. of State

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STUDENTS. SOURCE REPORTS OTHER MEN, NUMBER UNKNOWN, REMAINED OUTSIDE. SOURCE FURTHER REPORTS MEN WERE IN THE HOUSE NEARLY 6 HOURS RAMSACKING IT LOOKING FOR MARXIST MATERIAL, STOLE EVERYTHING OF VALUE AND LEFT HOUSE IN A SHAMBLER.

3. AT THIS WRITING EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED FEDERAL POLICE SOURCES, SOURCES IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND MILITARY SOURCES IN EFFORTS TO DETERMINE WHERE PRIEST BEING HELD AND BY WHOM. AS SOON AS LOCALE WHERE WEEKS BEING HELD DETERMINED WE WILL SEEK IMMEDIATE CONSULAR ACCESS.

4. FURTHER REPORT WILL FOLLOW AT THAT TIME.

FYI, AP AND OTHER PRESS REPS ARE AWARE OF ARREST.

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